

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, December 13, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. in the thirteenth floor Board Room of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Mark C. Scott called the meeting to order with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**II. PRESENTATION**

Bob Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update to the Board and the taxpayers of the 2012 Budget. Mr. Patrizio commented that the Budget was made available on the County's website for the required amount of time and he did not receive any questions or comments.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Human Resources**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations per listing dated December 13, 2011. Commissioner Scott commented all recommendations related to promotions in the Public Defender's Office.

**Purchasing**

- A. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated December 12, 2011. Commissioner Scott commented there were 9 contracts listed today and briefly commented on them.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing award and Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute as a result of Invitation to Bid # 11-20-KSJR, Food Provisions, contracts for a period of six months for the Jail System as identified herein.
- Feeser's, Inc.  
5561 Grayson Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Line Items -

2,17,25,36,38,43,57,60,67,71,75,81,91,95,99,110,124,125,133,138,145,148, 149,153 & 158

Estimated Six Month Expenditure \$ **32,996.98**

National food Group, Inc.

DBA CSV Sales, Inc.

46820 Magellan Dr.

Suite A

Novi, MI 48377

Line Items 13,14,16,35,41,53,61,76,80,83,116 & 117

Estimated Six Month Expenditure \$ **311,278.00**

Karetas Foods, Inc.

1012 Tuckerton Court

Reading, PA 19605

Line Items

7,9,10,11,12,15,24,28,34,39,40,42,44,45,46,51,52,54,55,56,58,59,70,72,74,79,82,87,88,90,93,94,96,97,100,102,103,108,109,112,118,119,121,122,123,126,129,150,156,160, & 161.

Estimated Six Month Expenditure \$ **189,307.00**

### Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Addendum to Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and the Berks County Conservation District for purposes of leasing additional office space consisting of approximately 381 square feet at the Berks County Agricultural Center.

### Facilities

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a letter of support from the Berks County Board of Commissioners for the submission of the Dreibelbis Station Covered Bridge (Berks County Bridge 46B, BMS No. 06721507459462) in Greenwich Township for grant funding through the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program, a federal funding source specific to covered bridges. Ryan Hunter commented that this Bridge is located between Lenhartsville and Virginville and is the longest County covered bridge and oldest operated bridge in the Country and dates back to 1869.

### Public Defender

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the FY 2010 JABG #22793 (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) Application by and between the County of Berks (Chief Public Defender) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), with respect to funding in the amount of \$16,714.00 (Federal Funds - \$15,043.00; Local Matching Funds - \$1,671.00) covering the project period 4/1/2012 to 3/31/2013.

*District Attorney*

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the FY 2010 JABG #22782 (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) Application by and between the County of Berks (District Attorney) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), with respect to funding in the amount of \$16,713.00 (Federal Funds - \$15,042.00; Local Matching Funds \$1,671.00) covering the project period 4/1/2012 to 3/31/2013.

*Planning Commission*

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the following Conservation Easements, Sales Agreements and Baseline Reports for development rights through the Pike Township Municipal Land Protection Program, which was approved by the Berks County Board of Commissioners in 2007 as part of the County's Natural Land, Farmland and Open Space Conservation Program. The purchase of these development rights will preserve 286.02 additional acres within the Oley Hills Region of Berks County. The cost to the County will be \$286,200.00. The landowners' donation of conservation easement values is \$591,313.44.

1. Rolling Rock Building Stone, Inc. – 78.14 acres
  2. David S. Blank – 83.942 acres
  3. Frederick D. Blank and Mihae A. Bland – 20.048 acres
  4. Jeffrey E. Gorrin and Susan L. Fetherolf – 44.44 acres (43.62 eligible acres)
- George W. Lang – 60.45 acres

Shannon Rossman attended the meeting and commented that Pike Township was the only municipality to meet the deadline to request funding. Ms. Rossman also commented that all documents need to be submitted no later than Thursday afternoon. Therefore, on motion of Kevin S. Barnhardt and seconded by Christian Y. Leinbach, it was unanimously voted to authorize execution today by the following resolution:

- 396.11** Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the following Conservation Easements, Sales Agreements and Baseline Reports for development rights through the Pike Township Municipal Land Protection Program:
1. Rolling Rock Building Stone, Inc. – 78.14 acres
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  3. Frederick D. Blank and Mihae A. Bland – 20.048 acres
  4. Jeffrey E. Gorrin and Susan L. Fetherolf – 44.44 acres (43.62 eligible acres)
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**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Brian Boyer, Leesport, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors as a Public Director, to a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2015.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Mark A. Wolfskill, Robesonia, Pennsylvania to the Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors as a Farmer Director, to a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2015.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Christian Y. Leinbach, Tilden Township, Pennsylvania, to the Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors as a Commissioner Director, for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2015.

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that he was unavailable last week when the County was notified of the closure of INS (ICE). He has received numerous phone calls and emails from employees of ICE questioning why we didn't fight for their jobs. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that unfortunately he is not able to respond directly to the employees, but there is more of a loss than just the jobs. In January of this year we learned it would take at least 20 million dollars to rehabilitate the building. We've been meeting with Federal officials since March of this year, and have had numerous meetings to try and keep that program here, especially the enforcement unit of ICE. We as a County have worked diligently to keep ICE here, but unfortunately ended up being unsuccessful. It is a big loss to the County.

**Commissioner Leinbach****Commissioner Scott**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Jonathan Encarnacion, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2014.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of John (Jack) Cleek, Shillington, Pennsylvania, to Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2015.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Craig Breineiser, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the 911 Center Advisory Board effective December 15, 2011, replacing James A. Murray, who resigned.

- D. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Jon C. Scott, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30, 2013, replacing Irwin S. Rosner, who resigned. Commissioner Scott commented that BEP are taking an increased interest of the long term impact of education on economic development in Berks County. Commissioner Scott further thanked Mr. Rosner on behalf of the Board for his service to the RACC Board.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk